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Congressional and Intergovernmental:

Gold King Mine Congressional and Intergovernmental Outreach: The Regional Administrators for Regions 6, 8, and 9 were on the daily call at 1:00pm for Congressional staff and other State and local elected officials. Congressional staff who announced they were participating on today's call were from the offices of Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, Rep. Steve Pierce and Sen. Martin Heinrich's offices.

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-1): At the request of OCIR, Brent Maier reached out to Makenzie Mastrud, Scheduler in the Office of Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick to let her know that unfortunately, the scheduling of a call today with Administrator Gina McCarthy to discuss the Animus River was not possible, and to let her know that our HQ Congressional office will do their best to connect the Congresswoman with the Administrator when they are able to. Brent reached out to Ron Lee, District Director to offer that RA Blumenfeld would be available to talk with Congresswoman if a call could be arranged. Brent heard back from Ron Lee, District Director that a call today with the Congresswoman is not possible, but that we will try to schedule a call while RA Blumenfeld has some time available while in Reno on Wednesday. Awaiting word from the Congresswoman's scheduler as to her availability and interest in calling the Regional Administrator. In addition, Brent received a couple of inquiries from Carmen Gallus, Chief of Staff for the Congresswoman who let us know that their offices is getting questions from folks on the ground about what exactly being done by the EPA to prevent the contaminated water from making its way into Lake Powell, and asked whether we have a couple specific examples that their office can report back on and asking if EPA officials are going to be at the confluence of the San Juan River and Lake Powell - building barriers and sludge nets. Following up with Superfund's Harry Allen on this Lake Powell issue.

Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ-5): Congressman Salmon wrote to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy on August 11th about the Gold King Mine and the spill into the Animas River. OCIR's Carolyn Levine shared a copy of the incoming letter. To date, this letter has not been controlled to Region IX. A PDF copy of the letter is available upon request. Link to press release issued by Congressman Matt Salmon on letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy:
<https://salmon.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-salmon-sends-letter-epa-administrator-mccarthy-about-animas-river>

Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-33): Joe Sheehy, Legislative Director for Congresswoman Napolitano reached out to OCIR for the name of a point-of-contact for the Congresswoman and/or her staff to contact EPA to discuss the Gold King Mine spill/release. Brent Maier let Joe Sheehy know that he can reach out to Brent as a first point-of-contact and we will arrange for our senior managers to be available for a call if needed.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier received an inquiry today from Caitlin Meyer in Sen. Feinstein's San Francisco Office regarding contact by Soda Springs Mountain Resort in California that has reached out to the Senator's office regarding their plans to use recycled water for snowmaking and asking the Senator to provide her support. Caitlin provided a two-page summary of the proposed project and was asked to follow up with EPA to see whether their plans check out and whether the Senator's office should have any concerns about supporting this project of using recycled water for snowmaking. Brent has reached out to Paul Amato and Kate Rao in our Water Division to see whether EPA has any potential issues or concerns to share with the Senator's office prior to their office coming out in support of this project. A copy of the Soda Springs Mountain Resort proposal is available upon request.

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OCIR Call for Hot Topics for ECOS Fall 2015 Meeting: OCIR's Andrea Barbary is requesting Regional Hot Topics "bullets" for the upcoming ECOS 2015 Fall Meeting – August 31st – September 2nd in Newport, RI. OCIR is requesting shortened bullets from the earlier Hot Topics submitted for the ECOS 2015 Spring Meeting. **We learned today that Arizona will not be attending the ECOS Fall meeting.** The requested due date is Monday, August 17th.